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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ian J. Forster

Serial No. 09/618,506

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For: **MAGNETIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE ATTACHMENT AND DETACHMENT
DEVICE AND METHOD**

Examiner: Lee, B.

Art Unit: 2632

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 26, 2003

In response to the office action mailed March 26, 2003, please find enclosed the following response. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

In the Claims:

1-7. (Cancelled)

1/ 8. (Previously Amended) A device that magnetically attaches to a magnetic surface portion of an article, comprising:

a wireless communication device; and

a magnet coupled to said wireless communication device wherein said magnet is located inside a chamber;

said magnet has a magnetic force that attaches said magnet to the magnetic surface portion of the article when in close proximity to the magnetic surface portion of the article;

said chamber comprised of two pole pieces forming a gap at two opposite ends.

2/ 9. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein said wireless communication device is located in one of said pole pieces.

3/ 10. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein said wireless communication device is located near said gap.